

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Leo M. Drozdoff, P.E., Administrator

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

July 28, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received applications for Underground Injection Control (UIC) permits for geothermal power plant projects. Permits <u>UNEV2005214 & UNEV70013</u> has been applied for by the following applicant:

Enel Salt Wells, LLC 1755 E Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno, Nevada 89502 Enel Stillwater, LLC 1755 E Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno, Nevada 89502

The applicant has submitted an application for an UIC permit (UNEV2005214) associated with re-injection of geothermal water for purposes of a 13 megawatt power production facility at Salt Wells area southeast of Fallon in Churchill County. The applicant is requesting up to eight (8) injection wells located in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 & 36 T.17N., R30E., MDB&M. Proposed target injection zones are from 400 to 2,000 feet below ground surface.

The applicant has submitted a renewal / major-modification application for an UIC permit (UNEV70013) associated with re-injection of geothermal water for purposes of a 30 megawatt power production facility in the Stillwater Geothermal Resource Area, near Stillwater, Churchill County. The application is requesting up to fifteen (15) injection wells located in Sections 1, 2 and 12, T.19N., R.30E.; Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 18, T.19N., R.31E.; Sections 35 and 36, T.20N., R.30E.; Sections 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, T.20N., R.31E., M.D.B&M. Proposed target injection zones are from 580 - 4,520 feet below ground surface.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. Final injection approval for Salt Wells will come after the permit is issued and submission of a completion report for each well and other information which may be needed for determination.

On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to issue the UIC permit to authorize water discharge activities.

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Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by September 1, 2008 either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Russ Land Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Pollution Control 901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249 (rland@ndep.nv.gov)

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, comments received, and other information will be on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.